

Progress continues on the Orion Ground Test Article at the Michoud Assembly Facility in New Orleans, Louisiana. Shown in banner above is the Aft Bulkhead "Rough Trim" and shown below is the Clamp Assembly & Aft Ring at the offload.



The Low Impact Docking System (LIDS) team completed fabrication of metal seal retainers and shipped the retainers to Parker for molding. Testing on the load ring was successfully completed and was returned for reassembly.

The Attitude Control Motor cold gas testing continued with the completion of the first run of the test matrix. The test is demonstrating many of the physical phenomena predicted by NASA acoustic, CFD and structural models and should solidify our understanding of the valve internal environments.

The Launch Operations Systems Flight Test Group supported systems testing at the Dryden Flight Research Center. Testing verified the flight software in the flight avionics and provided a training opportunity for the Flight Control Team that will be sitting in the Mobile Operations Facility for Orion's Pad Abort 1 flight test.

All Pad Abort 1 crew module hub ballast hardware modifications were successfully completed, inspected, and shipped to Dryden Flight Research Center.

Fabrication on the launch stand for the Orion ascent abort flights is progressing toward a completion date of August 10. The two sections of the launch stand are shown in photo below.



The new Crew Exploration Parachute Assembly System (CPAS) pilot and drogue brackets were prepped for flight installation and fit checks were conducted with the flight mortar tubes installed. The week long CPAS and Pyro Procedure Integration exercise took place including procedures validation and training for the pyro technicians (Photos below).





